

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Provided is an apparatus for fitting at least one hearing aid to the needs of an individual, comprising a fitting calculator with a first interface to transmit signals to a hooked-up hearing aid, with a second interface to receive response signals to auditory stimuli, and a computer unit that, as a function of inputs to the second interface, computes outputs to the first interface, characterized in that the first and second interfaces are merged into a single interface which is configured as a bidirectional communication unit. Preferably, the interfaces are of the I²C type, the apparatus includes a rating input unit in the form of a keypad or voice input device for inputting auditory-stimulus response signals.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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FIGURE 1 represents a presently known geometry of an apparatus for programming a hearing aid; and

FIGURE 2 represents one embodiment of the invention utilizing a combined interface.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: